

The National Health Service attains its first anniversary today, and reports show that distinct progress is being made after a year of great difficulties. Sir Charles Little, chairman of Worthing Hospital Management Committee said, "We are hoping that the last year will have been the most difficult of all". But if the public wished the service to succeed they must ensure that their daughters take up nursing. "Nursing conditions have much improved in the last year. A student nurse gets £200 in cash, full board and uniform. Recruitment has improved, but nothing like enough. We want at least 80 more nursing staff". Although waiting lists for beds were long, the situation was not deteriorating. (5th July 1949)

Town hall dance complaints were heard at Shoreham Urban Council. A table and chair had been broken, ceiling plasterwork damaged and crockery broken. Bottles had been dropped from the upper windows into the High St and beer was poured down the town hall steps. The hirer (Shoreham Rowing Club) would be held responsible for making good the damage. (6th July 1949)

Fire destroyed three quarters of an acre of cut hay at Brightham Farm Partridge Green yesterday. Horsham Fire Brigade attended. (11th July 1949)

Question Time in the Commons

Mr Barnes, Minister of Transport, said the number of children electrocuted during 1948 on live rails other than those belonging to the London Transport Executive was 11 and 12 were injured. He also announced that he was about to

make new regulations concerning pedestrian crossings. (19th July 1949)

Mr Churchill, on holiday in the Riviera, has protested strongly to the police at photographers' attempts to take his picture. The cameramen, foiled by a land cordon of Scotland yard men and local police around Mr Churchill's beach, staged a seaborne invasion on Churchillian lines. Hidden under fishing nets in a boat, they approached the statesman and suddenly unmasked their battery of cameras. (29th July)

The West Grinstead and Dial Post VPA members rallied to muster 400 entries at the third annual show on Saturday. The drought had affected the quality of produce and growers were reluctant to show anything under the highest standard. Mr R Greenfield for the second year in succession carried off the Members' Cup, the Open Challenge Cup and a bronze medal. Mrs B Greenfield secured the special £1 prize in the cookery and handcrafts class. (1st Aug)

Little Boys and Little Apples

Complaints about apples being scumped are coming in to Worthing police "thick and fast". Police Inspector Rush said "God made little boys and little green apples, and they get mixed up this time every year. A policeman has a cycle of things to look out for every time of the year: "wooding", primrose picking, bluebell picking, birds-nesting, gates left open, hay and corn field trespass, blackberry and mushroom picking, nutting and hollying. Then the process begins all over again!"